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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL NOTIFICATIONS - WINE

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1. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS CERTAIN REGULATORY AND ENFORCE-
MENT POWERS OVER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, INCLUDING THE
REGULATION OF PRODUCT IDENTITY, PACKAGING, LABELING, MARK-
ING, AND STAMPING OF SUCH BEVERAGES, AND THE COLLECTION OF
FEDERAL EXCISE TAXES. IN ADDITION TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
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REGULATIONS, EACH STATE HAS THE POWER TO TAX AND TO OTHER-
WISE REGULATE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN ITS
JURISDICTION AS IT SEES FIT, PROVIDED IT DOES NOT VIOLATE
FEDERAL STATUTES.

2. MANY STATES HAVE CHOSEN A MONOPOLISTIC SYSTEM CONTROLLED
BY THE STATE, WHEREIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CAN ONLY BE SOLD

IN STATE-OWNED STORES. THESE STATES DO NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST IMPORTED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES VIS-A-VIS DOMESTIC BEVERAGES, I.E., DOMESTICALLY-PRODUCED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST COMPLY WITH THE STATE MONOPOLIES' REGULATIONS IN THE SAME MANNER AS IMPORTED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

3. THE U.S. HAS NO REPEAT NO LICENSING RESTRICTION ON IMPORTS. HOWEVER, UNDER THE FEDERAL ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATION ACT AND THE REGULATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT THERETO, ANY PERSON INTENDING TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF IMPORTING WINES FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE IS REQUIRED TO PROCURE A PERMIT (FORM 1631). THIS PERMIT IS NOT DISCRIMINATORY, AS DOMESTIC PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS ARE LIKEWISE REQUIRED TO PROCURE A SIMILAR PERMIT. PURPOSE OF PERMIT IS TO ENABLE USG TO REGULATE INTER-STATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TO DISCOURAGE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

4. NOTE: THE AUSTRALIAN NOTIFICATION OF A TARIFF ON WINE OF 31.5 CENTS/GAL TO \$1.00/GAL INDICATES THAT THEIR INTEREST IS IN TSUS ITEMS 167.34, 167.35, AND 167.37 (MARSALA WINE, SHERRY AND GRAPE WINE NSPF, RESPECTIVELY) ALL OF WHICH HAVE AN ALCOHOL CONTENT OVER 14 PERCENT. THE U.S. DID NOT IMPORT ANY WINE UNDER THESE TSUS HEADINGS FROM AUSTRALIA IN 1975. THE U.S. DID IMPORT \$258 THOUSAND AND \$10 THOUSAND, RESPECTIVELY, UNDER TSUS HEADINGS 167.3040 AND 167.3020 WITH RESPECTIVE TARIFF RATES OF 62.5 CENTS/GAL AND 37CENTS /GAL.

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